



DOE's EGS Program Review

EGS Database Development

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Project Objective

- ❖ Original objective: Develop database information on Enhanced Geothermal Systems projects worldwide.
- ❖ Expanded objective: Make data available interactively through Google Earth. Include EGS projects worldwide, sites with EGS potential in the US and data on temperature with depth developed by Dave Blackwell and Maria Richards, SMU.



EGS Problem

❖ Importance to program

- ❖ Allows researchers access to information on current status of EGS technology
- ❖ Provides data for researchers to test new technology
- ❖ Assists DOE in mapping out future research
- ❖ Documents advances in technology and areas of needed research

❖ Technical issues

- ❖ Understanding of current status of EGS technology
- ❖ Dissemination of EGS information to a wide range of users and the public



EGS Problem

❖ Barriers and Challenges

- ❖ Lack of understanding of status of EGS technology
- ❖ Need to improve EGS information access for researchers, industry, government and the public

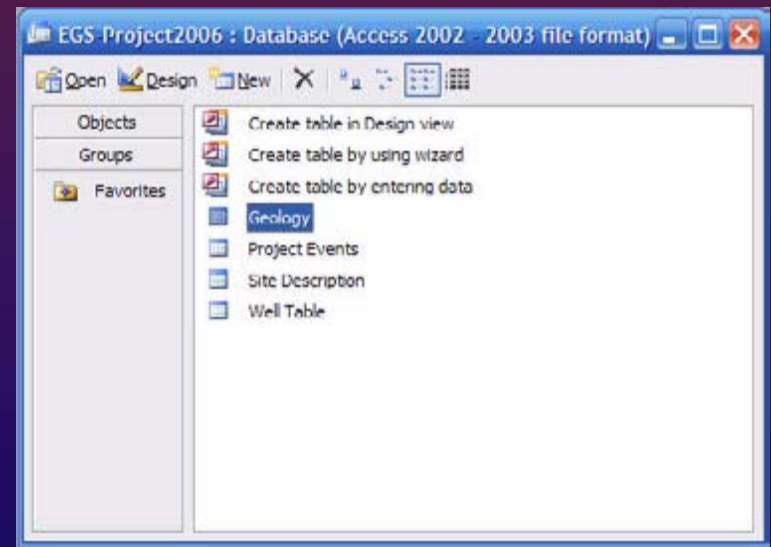
❖ Achievement of DOE goals:

- ❖ Allows potential users access to information on: size of resource, location of potential resources, data from past projects and status of current projects



Background/Approach

- ❖ Database structure developed
- ❖ Published data used
- ❖ Four linked database tables
 - ❖ Site Description
 - ❖ Project Events
 - ❖ Well Data
 - ❖ Geology





Background/Approach

- ❖ Site Description
 - ❖ EGS projects world wide
 - ❖ Sites with EGS potential in the USA
- ❖ 221 specific sites in USA
 - ❖ Current EGS projects at Coso and Desert Peak
 - ❖ Past EGS project at Fenton Hill
 - ❖ Hydrothermal associated EGS
 - ❖ High temperature oil and gas reservoirs with EGS potential
- ❖ Variables tracked for each site in the database
 - ❖ Location
 - ❖ Area of thermal anomaly
 - ❖ Depth
 - ❖ Temperature at depth
 - ❖ Wells drilled
 - ❖ Flow per producer from tests
 - ❖ Fractured volume if stimulated
 - ❖ Well spacing
 - ❖ Heat exchange area

EGS Site Database Fields

	Field Name	Data Type	
🔍	Name	Text	Name of the site/area
	Country	Text	Name of the country the site is located in
	State/Area	Text	Name of the state/region the site is located in
	Region	Text	Region for sites in the US
	Geological Province	Text	Geological province the site is located in
	Latitude	Number	Latitude of the site
	Longitude	Number	Longitude of the site
	Target Temperature	Number	The heat goal for fluid in the reservoir
	Actual Temperature	Number	The actual temperature of the fluid in the reservoir in Fahrenheit
	Temp Accuracy	Number	Accuracy of target vs actual temperature
	Temp Gradient	Number	Temperature gradient in degrees celsius per kilometer
	Area	Number	Total area of the resource in
▶	Depth	Number	True vertical depth of the well in m
	Mass Flow Rate	Number	Flow rate of the entire site in kg/s
	MW t Measured Output	Number	The output of thermal energy in MW
	Calculated Net MW e Output	Number	The net output of electrical energy in MW
	Plant Type	Text	Type of power plant used at the site
	Power Type	Text	Type of power, EGS or HYDRO
	Rock Type	Text	The kind of rock(lithography) of the area
	Stress Regime	Text	The direction that the rock is pushing
	Total Fractured Volume	Number	Total volume of fractured rock at the site in km ³
	Post-Stim Frac Spacing	Number	Measure of the average distance between fractures after stimulation in m
	Heat Exchange Area	Number	
	Tectonic Stress	Text	A general measurement of tectonic stress for the site
	Porosity	Number	Percentage of solid rock that has holes in it
	Permeability	Number	Permeability of rock, measured in millidarcies
	Pressure Drop	Number	Amount of pressure drop in the system in Mpa
	H ₂ S	Yes/No	Indicates the presence of H ₂ S
	CO ₂	Yes/No	Indicates the presence of CO ₂
	Salinity	Yes/No	Indicates the presence of Salt
	Silica	Yes/No	Indicates the presence of Silica
	CACO ₃	Yes/No	Indicates the presence of CACO ₃
	Toxic	Yes/No	Indicates whether or not the site is toxic
	Water Loss Percentage	Number	Percentage of the water that is lost during circulation
	Short Circuit Factor	Number	A measure of how quickly the water travels through the system
	Productivity Index	Number	A measure of well productivity in l/sec/Mpa
	Exploration	Text	Describes exploration of the site
	Status	Text	Current Status of any projects at this site
	Owner	Text	The owner of the site
	Utility	Text	Utility company with the contract for the site
	Environmental Impact	Text	Notes on acquiring the land for geothermal purposes and the effects on local environment
	Political Climate	Text	Notes on the current political climate at the site
	Power Market	Text	Availability of markets for power from site
	Notes	Text	Any notes on the site
	GETEM Base Cost	Number	Cost in cents per kW/hr generated by GETEM
	GETEM Incremental	Number	Cost in cents per kW/hr generated by GETEM
	GETEM Future Tech	Number	Cost in cents per kW/hr generated by GETEM



Background/Approach

- ❖ Event database
- ❖ Event history for established EGS sites
 - ❖ Well drilling
 - ❖ Stimulation events and results
 - ❖ Acoustic emissions mapping
 - ❖ Well testing
 - ❖ Geochemistry

Project Events

Project Events : Table			
	Field Name	Data Type	
🔑	EventID	AutoNumber	Reference ID number
	Type	Text	The kind of event that occurred
	EventDescription	Memo	Short description of the activities performed
	Status	Text	Current status of project
	Location	Text	Which geological site the event occurred at
	StartDate	Date/Time	Date the event began
	EndDate	Date/Time	Date event completed or scheduled to be completed
	Notes	Memo	Additional Points of Interest
	Data Available	Yes/No	Yes if there is linkable data(HTML)
	Data Link	Hyperlink	A link to the data, if it is available
	Test Number	Text	The test number assigned by the workers
	Well(s)	Text	The well(s) involved in the event



Background/Approach

- ❖ Well database
 - ❖ Well profile
 - ❖ Drilling data – Depth w. time
 - ❖ Rate of penetration
 - ❖ Bit records
 - ❖ Costs if available

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Background/Approach

❖ Geology Database

- ❖ Stratigraphic column
- ❖ Completion formation
- ❖ Thermal properties
- ❖ Stress data-scans
- ❖ Mechanical properties
- ❖ Core photos
- ❖ Fracture ID logs-scans
- ❖ Geophysical logs-scans

Geology

Geology : Table			
	Field Name	Data Type	Description
?	ID	AutoNumber	Basic ID number of Geology Reference
	Site Name	Text	Name of site
	Lithological Column	Hyperlink	Lithology data for section/entirety of wellbore
	Other Lithology	Hyperlink	A link to any other lithological data
	Stress Field	Hyperlink	Graphical representation of the stress field fomr cutaway of wellbore
	Geological Map	Hyperlink	A link to a map of the area in which the site is located
	Geological Cross Section	Hyperlink	A link to a picture of the cross section of the area
	Core Photos	Hyperlink	A link to a picture of the core photos taken
	Fracture Imaging Logs	Hyperlink	A link to a picture of image logs from a borehole televiewer or FMS, EMS, EMI, FMI, or others
	Geophysical Logs	Hyperlink	A link to a picture of the well log
	Bit Life	Number	Length of time bit was used in hours
	Rate of Penetration	Number	(ROP) in meters per hour
	Drilling Difficulties	Hyperlink	A link to data on mud losses, altered zones, and borehole stability problems
	Lost Circulation	Number	A percentage of the total flow in circulation that is lost
	MT Survey Map	Hyperlink	Link to a MT survey image
	MT Cross Section	Hyperlink	Link to images of MT cross sections
	Gravity Map	Hyperlink	Link to a map of the gravity anomalies at the site
	Additional Data	Hyperlink	Any additional data that is relevant to the geology of the site



Results/Accomplishments

Completed and linked:

- ❖ Geology Data Table.
- ❖ Data in all tables for all major sites.
- ❖ Basic reports and data entry forms.
- ❖ Enhanced and simplified usability
- ❖ Compiled version usable without Microsoft Access.
- ❖ User's Guide – in progress

Completed and distributed:

April 5, 2006

Data Update:

Sept 30, 2006



Results/Accomplishments

- ❖ Added geographic interface – allows user to click on Google Earth world map to access site data
- ❖ Add temperature at depth layers
- ❖ Improve user interface and usability, compile and install on website
- ❖ Update user guide

Due for completion:

Sept 30, 2006

July 18, 2006

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Conclusion

- ❖ Milestone 1 – Database with scanned data on disk
 - ❖ Completed and distributed April 5, 2006
- ❖ Milestone 2 – Improved user interface
 - ❖ To be completed July 31, 2006
- ❖ Milestone 3 – Google Earth interactive database
 - ❖ To be completed August 31, 2006